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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, COMPS

FROM : Assistant Director, ORS

SUBJECT : Population and Manpower Studies

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chief, COMPS, to AD/ORS, subject as above, dated 2 December 1949.

1. The following information is submitted to clarify the status of the two interdepartmental committees in question:

a. Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Manpower in the USSR and Eastern Europe. This committee was established in November 1948 for the purpose of enabling ORS analysts [redacted] to consult speedily with their opposite numbers in the IAC agencies on problems concerning population and manpower statistics in the USSR and Eastern European countries. The committee meets to reach agreement on such figures when a specific paper on Soviet or Satellite economic problems is being prepared or is under consideration. Few formal committee meetings are held, committee action usually being confined to informal consultations between individual members of the committee. This committee is presently composed of representatives of CIA-ORS [redacted] the Department of State, and the Department of the Army.

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b. Interdepartmental Committee Constituted by DNI to Coordinate the Demographic Program of the Intelligence Community. This committee was constituted on 2 October 1947 at the request of Mr. Donald Edgar, Chief, ICAPS, to survey the needs of the IAC agencies for population and manpower studies and the best way to meet such needs. Upon the recommendation of this Committee on 3 April 1948, the Director of Central Intelligence approved the establishment of a working unit in the Bureau of the Census for the collection and evaluation of intelligence information on population and manpower in foreign countries. The CIA Projects Review Committee was informed of this decision on 13 April 1948 in a memorandum from Mr. Prescott Childs, Chief, ICAPS, subject "Population and Manpower Study". The purpose of this committee at present is to coordinate the demographic requirements of all federal intelligence agencies for the production of population and manpower studies by the working unit in the Bureau of the Census. This committee is composed of representatives of the departments of State, Army, Navy, and the Air Force, and of CIA-ORS [redacted]

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2. In answer to the first question in paragraph 3 of the reference, these two committees do not seem susceptible of merging. Their membership is not the same and, in addition, the first committee deals with specific problems in a specific area, while the second coordinates requirements for general studies anywhere in the world. It is therefore felt that little useful purpose would be served by an attempted merger of these two committees, which are fundamentally different in spite of their superficial similarity.

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4. With reference to your memorandum to D/OSI dated 5 December 1969, subject as above, OSB has discussed this matter with OSI, which states that it has no studies of this kind under way. OSI suggests that such a misunderstanding may well have arisen because of the title of one of its units, namely the "Human Resources Branch". OSI is, however, taking this matter under consideration to determine whether it has any recommendations for future studies to be undertaken by the working unit in the Bureau of the Census.

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